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1. EMBASSY PASSED CONTENTS REFTELS A AND B TO FCO
(ROTHWELL) AUGUST 27 FOR TRANSMITTAL TO INTERESTED
PARTIES IN DEPARTMENTS OF ENVIRONMENT AND INDUSTRY.
THOUGH FCO'S INITIAL REACTION FAVORABLE ROTHWELL
REFUSED TO COMMENT OFFICIALLY ON US TEXT UNTIL OTHER
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ELEMENTS HMG HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY PROPOSAL AND

CONSULT WITH EEC PARTNERS.

2. FORTUNATELY SEPTEMBER 5 VISIT OF WILLIAM CAVITT, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY BRITISH POSITION. CAVITT AND EMBOFF MET WITH TOM HALL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ENVIRONMENT, TONY WOOLMER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, INDUSTRY, JUDITH MARQUAND AND PETER GRAHAM, ECONOMISTS, ENVIRONMENT, AND MARGARET ROTHWELL, FCO. BRITISH SAID THEY HAD NO QUARREL WITH PROPOSED TEXT AS PRESENTED BY CAVITT AND THAT IT WAS AN IMPROVEMENT ON SECRETARIAT DRAFT.

3. CLEARLY PRINCIPAL ISSUE TO BRITISH IS EXTENT OF EXCEPTIONS TO PPP FOR NEW PLANTS. THEY STILL HAVE SERIOUS QUESTIONS AND WILL RESERVE THEIR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE UNTIL THEY HAVE SOME CLEAR IDEA OF NATURE AND EXTENT OF JAPAN'S PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE NEED TO KEEP JAPAN CONSTRUCTIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH PPP, THEY NOT WILLING ACCEPT EXCEPTIONS FOR NEW PLANTS IN ABSENCE COMPELLING REASONS TO DO SO. THEY IMPLIED THIS VIEW WAS SHARED BY THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

4. CAVITT NOTED THAT US SHARED BRITISH DESIRE TO SEE PPP EXCEPTIONS LIMITED TO EXISTING PLANTS BUT THAT WE MUST FACE UP TO JAPANESE PROBLEM.

5. IN CONCLUSION BRITISH STATED THEY WERE BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO US APPROACH AND EXPRESSED EAGERNESS WORK CLOSELY WITH US TO BRING QUESTION TO SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION.

6. CAVITT WILL BE ABLE PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON COMMUNITY THINKING FOLLOWING SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 7 TALK WITH MARQUAND WHO IS ATTENDING SEPTEMBER 6 EEC CONSULTATIONS ON PPP IN BRUSSELS.
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